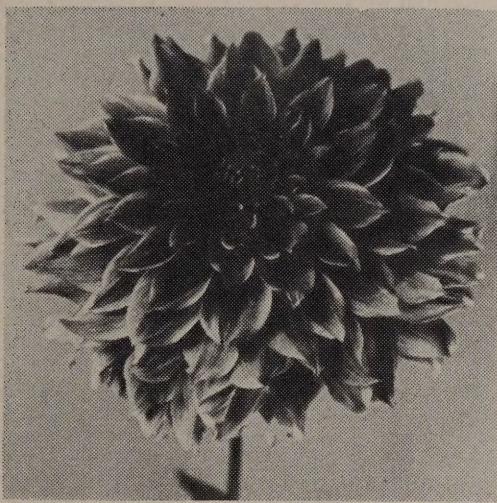


EL FUEGO



GERONIMO

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OUR 1959 INTRODUCTIONS

EL FUEGO, which means "fire" in Spanish, is a brilliant scarlet cactus with slight golden shadings. This startling flower, because of its color and form, is freely produced on long perfect stems. It is a 10-inch bloom and flowers are consistent in size and quality both early and late. As one visitor remarked, "What an eye-full that would be on a showroom table." We think dahlias can be better judged when seen growing out of doors but some colors are improved under artificial light. This one is dazzling in bright sunlight. It is one from our new cactus strain that we mentioned last year. Though not exactly a giant it is large for its type. **Strong Divisions — \$15.00 Net**

GERONIMO, named for a spectacular Indian chief of early Western days, is a giant bright ruby red informal with very broad petals. It is "another red" but an unusual brightly colored one and a most outstanding bloom. Can be grown 12 to 14 inches with at least four flowers to the bush at the same time. Center bloom on the plant will be short stemmed and should be pinched out early to allow the laterals to make strong growth. Will stand adverse weather conditions and is first class in all respects, one of our best introductions of recent years. Guaranteed to please. **Strong Divisions — \$15.00 Net**

OUR 1958 INTRODUCTIONS

ACAPULCO — Semi-cactus. Bright begonia rose with yellow at center. This is a large flower in a striking combination of color, not a blend, but two distinct tones in lively shades. Bloom is composed of many petals and is very close in formation to the true cactus type. An early and a free bloomer on the best of stems. Nothing else like it that we have seen. **\$10.00**

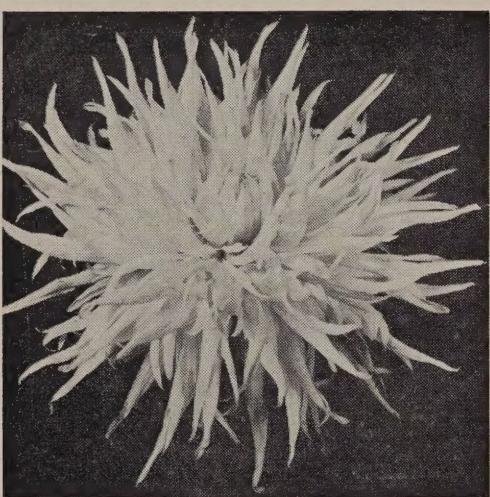
ANTINETTE — Straight cactus. Clear orchid pink with pure white center. Of unusual color and large for this type. It is easy to grow and supplies many fine blooms through a long period that are useful for all purposes. **\$7.50**

SAN SIMEON — Informal decorative. Creamy pink with reverse of petals a deeper pink which shows at the center of the giant bloom. A flower of ideal formation and real beauty. There are many fine pink dahlias and we believe this one ranks among the best. Habit of growth is very satisfactory. **\$10.00**



ACAPULCO

DAHLIAS OF OUR OWN INTRODUCTION



ANTOINETTE

ALCAZAR — S.C. Deep fuchsia red. Fine large dahlia outstanding as to beauty and distinctiveness. \$2.50

ARGUELLO — I.C. Deep cherry red with silvery reverse, velvet-like texture. True type cactus with well rolled petals. One of the best of recent years. \$2.50

AZURA — I.D. Rosy lilac with a bluish violet sheen. Blooms up to 14 inches. Old but good. \$1.50

BEAU BRILLIANT — I.D. Bright carmine. A truly brilliant color. Large, early and profuse. \$2.00

BUTTERFLY — I.D. Henna-orange with reverse and center rosy mauve. Odd combination of color. Well-formed flower with pointed petals. \$2.00

CALIFORNIA CENTENNIAL — I.D. Buff yellow with the color somewhat accentuated at the center. Oval shaped bloom of great size and strong growing habits. \$2.00

CALIFORNIA IDOL — I.D. Lemon yellow. Very large with ideal habits. \$1.00

CALIFORNIA PAGEANT — I.D. Bright gold with shadings of reddish bronze. Very large flower of very gay coloring. High scorer. \$2.50

CAPISTRANO — I.C. Bright canary yellow. Very full flower of unusual appearance. Big winner. \$2.50

CONFUCIUS — S.C. Chinese red. Very striking and a real giant. \$1.50

DEE CEE — I.D. Maize yellow. Exhibition variety. Likes warm weather. \$2.50

DOROTHY LAMOUR — S.C. True orange. A dahlia of great charm because of its rare color and useful qualities. \$2.00

EVELYN CHANDLER — S.C. Golden Apricot. Large and spectacular. \$1.00

FAVORITA — I.C. Canary yellow. Best yellow cactus. \$2.00

FRIEDA GAYLORD — I.D. Rosy pink slightly shaded with gold. Remarkable size and vigor. Has been grown to 15 inches. One of the truly great dahlias of all time. \$2.50

GAYLORD SPECIAL — I.D. Clear orchid pink. Full and deep on long stems. Exquisite color and formation. Most satisfactory. \$3.50

GERTRUDE LAWRENCE — I.D. Light cerise red. Large and early. \$1.50

GOVERNOR WARREN — I.D. Golden salmon shading deeper at center. Full broad-petaled bloom on rugged stem. Both beauty and size. \$2.50

HIGHLANDER — I.D. Watermelon pink. Bright new shade of pink. Artistic bloom on long stem. A continuous performer. \$2.50

JOSEPH B. LANKTREE — I.D. Bright red without shadings. Massive blooms 12 to 14 inches. Outstanding in its class. \$2.50

KING OF THE WHITES — I.D. Clear glistening white. Very large and full with fine stems and a sturdy plant. Not soiled by heat or moisture. \$2.50



SAN SIMEON

LAS LAURELES — S.C. Salmon pink lightly suffused pale gold. Large lovely flower on tall plant. Good lasting qualities. \$5.00

LELAND STANFORD — I.D. Brilliant cardinal. One of the best reds. \$1.00

MARK TWAIN — I.D. Bright red boldly tipped white. There is no variation in the blooms, about one-third of each petal at the tip being of purest white. We have received many flattering reports on its performance. \$2.50

ROSARIO — F.D. Clear true lavender shading to white at base of petals. Uncommon color of large size and fine formation. New. \$5.00

ROYAL PACIFIC — F.D. Violet purple of the blue tone. Rare and distinctive coloring. Continuous bloomer on perfect stems. \$2.50

SATAN — S.C. Flaming red, gold center. Greatest prize winner of its day. \$1.00

SAVINA — I.C. Bright salmon shading to golden yellow. One of the most beautiful cactus. Prolific. \$2.50

SEQUOIA — I.D. Primrose yellow. A truly superlative dahlia. Most unusual depth as well as diameter. Good for all purposes. New. \$3.50

SHOWBOAT — F.D. Purest white. Largest and best white to date. Blooms up to 14 inches. Of heavy texture with remarkable substance. Plant is of medium height with good stems. New 1957. \$7.50

TIJUANA — I.D. Deep rose suffused tan and boldly tipped white. One of the very largest bi-colors and one that never shows a petal that is not definitely tipped. First flower on plant may be short stemmed and bud should be pinched out. Many excellent blooms will follow. New 1957. \$5.00

TORCH — St.C. Lemon yellow tipped cherry red. One of the most popular dahlias. A most striking color combination of medium size. \$2.50

YOSEMITE — I.D. Shadings of apricot with a metallic lustre. Extremely large and very distinctive. Easy to grow. New. \$3.50

GOOD VARIETIES OF OTHER GROWERS

ARTHUR GODFREY — F.D. Oriental red with bronze shadings. Very large and one of the best. \$2.00

ATOMIC YELLOW — S.C. Canary yellow. Massive semi-cactus on strong stems. \$2.50

ALL AMERICAN — S.C. Mulberry rose. Odd coloring, good form. \$1.50

AUTUMN BLAZE — I.D. Brownish red suffused gold. Tremendous size. One of the most spectacular. \$2.50

BAY CITY WHITE — I.C. Pure white. The only white true cactus we have. \$2.50

BIG BEN — I.C. Raspberry red. One of the very largest varieties from England. Very impressive. Stock limited. \$5.00

BILL'S GOLD — I.D. Bright old gold. Wonderful color and good. \$2.00

BLACKBIRD — St.C. Very dark red, almost black. Medium size. Tall. \$2.50

BLACK MONARCH — I.D. Very dark red. Popular. Improved by shading. \$2.00

BLUE RIVER — I.D. Bluish lavender. Always attracts attention. \$1.00

CHEROKEE BEAUTY — I.D. Bright geranium pink. Large full flower. Very attractive and popular. \$2.50

COM. MAX LEONARD — I.D. Glowing orange red of great size. One of the most spectacular in the garden. New and in demand. \$5.00

CROYDEN ELITE — I.D. Bright yellow with reddish suffusion. Good. \$2.50

CROYDEN MASTERPIECE — I.D. Light orange. One of the very largest and best. Winner of many prizes and well known. \$2.50

DAHLIAMUM — Bronze gold. Looks like a great shaggy chrysanthemum. \$2.00

DIXIE'S WINE DOT — I.D. White ground striped wine red. Most unusual variegated dahlia of large size. \$2.50

EDNA D. —S.C. Deep rose red. Fine for exhibition.	\$2.00
EL DORADO —S.C. Gold tipped white. Charming bi-color of medium size. Long stems, lots of flowers.	\$2.50
EL RUBIO —Wine red. Large bold flower and strong grower.	\$2.00
ELVA RIDGEWAY —I.D. Light cameo pink. Unusual color of fine form. Large, early and free. From Australia.	\$2.50
FIVE-STAR GENERAL —F.D. Blend of soft pink and creamy yellow. An exceptional dahlia of real merit. Large and free blooming.	\$2.50
FLASH —I.D. Red tipped white. Medium size.	\$2.00
FRANCES H. —I.D. Purple tipped white. Fairly large.	\$2.50
FRED CANNING —I.D. Bright geranium red. Extra large. From England.	\$2.50
GALAXY —I.C. Yellow striped red. Nice variegated cactus.	\$2.00
GIANT BEAUTY —I.D. Violet rose lightly suffused. Supposedly a seedling of Frieda Gaylord. Extremely large and a winner for size. Medium tall plant and satisfactory stems.	\$3.50
GIANT OF BAARN —I.C. Crimson red. Gay color and long stems for cutting. From Holland.	\$2.50
GLAMOUR —I.D. Light purple with shadings of rose. Grows large without pampering. Color, form and habits are all good.	\$2.00
GUNYAH GLORY —S.C. Royal purple. Nothing else exactly like it in color. Fine tall growing variety.	\$3.50
HOLLYWOOD STAR —I.D. Light purple. Much admired by some.	\$2.50
IVA JEAN —I.C. Deep lavender tipped white. Medium sized flower of perfect formation and very prolific. Useful variety. Stock limited.	\$5.00
JANE LAUSCHE —S.C. Lavender tipped white. Decidedly a different kind of bi-color. A real novelty.	\$2.50
JUDITH —F.D. Deep purple edged white. Very handsome and highly recommended.	\$2.50
KELVIN —I.D. Rosy pink. An exceptionally fine dahlia of great size and all good habits. One of the truly greats. Australia.	\$2.50
KEMP'S PURPLE TRIUMPH —I.D. Deep purple. Good producer.	\$2.50
KIDD'S CLIMAX —F.D. Clear lavender shading to yellow at base of petals. Unusual in color, large size, very desirable. Australia.	\$2.50
LOUISE —S.C. Creamy white. Nice large flower on long stem.	\$2.50
MARION SMITH —I.D. Clear pink. Large graceful blooms. First class.	\$2.50
MARY ELIZABETH —I.D. Turkey red. Champion. Eastern show winner. Doubtless one of the largest. Likes warm weather and good care.	\$2.50
MONARCH OF THE EAST —I.D. Bright golden apricot. Large and colorful.	\$1.00
MRS. HESTER PAPE —I.D. Reddish purple. Long a big winner in shows.	\$3.50
MURPHY'S MASTERPIECE —I.D. Deep red. An old timer. Giant size.	\$2.00
NANCY C. SCHARHAG —I.D. Lavender striped wine purple. Reliable.	\$2.50
NIGHT EDITOR —I.D. Reddish purple. One of the best in its color.	\$2.50
OAKLEIGH CHAMPION —I.C. Pink with yellow shadings. Large cactus.	\$2.00
OGDEN REID —I.D. Old rose. Good flower of distinctive coloring.	\$2.00
PINK GIANT —I.D. True pink. Popular and useful.	\$1.00
PIRATE TREASURE —I.D. Orange buff and red. Large and vigorous.	\$2.50
POET'S DREAM —I.D. Shell pink. Beautiful but stem is pendant.	\$2.00
REAL GLORY —F.D. Pure white. Unsurpassed in its class.	\$2.00
RED CHAMPION —I.D. Light red. Magnificent blooms freely produced.	\$2.50
RUBY LOXTON —Bright rose. Large well-colored flower.	\$2.00
SALEM SUNSHINE —Bright yellow. Extra good large yellow.	\$2.50
SENSATION —I.D. Pale pink. Large and very attractive.	\$2.50
THE MASTER —F.D. Autumn shade of pale gold and tan. Very large. Tall plant with long straight stems. From Australia.	\$2.50
TROJAN —Orange red and yellow. Rare coloring. Large.	\$2.00
VARGAS GARDNER —I.D. Creamy white and yellow. Enormous size.	\$3.50
WORLD EVENT —I.D. Deep rose pink. Very good in our garden.	\$2.00
YERBA BUENA —I.D. Bright yellow. Tall grower and large flower but not as free blooming as some. Nevertheless a desirable variety.	\$2.50

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